

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Supplementing the amendments made in the October 21, 2003 Amendment, please further amend Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11, and add new Claims 26 to 31, as shown below. The text of the pending claims reflect the amendments made in the October 21, 2003 Amendment, with markings to show the changes presented herein. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing for printout of an internet-based print job at a printer connected to an information processing device, a server connected to a plurality ~~the plurality~~ of information processing devices executes the steps of:

receiving from an internet-based source a print job ~~including~~ data to be printed at a printer connected to an information processing device via a network, wherein the print job includes data associated with, and specific to, a user of the information processing device;

obtaining a print driver for the printer connected to the information processing device;

rendering the print job using the print driver; and

transferring the rendered print job over the network to the information processing device. device..

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of instructing the information processing device to create ~~another a~~ logical printer with a simplified print driver that accepts rendered print jobs, and ~~or~~ accepting the rendered print job by the logical printer for visual printout.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the rendered print job includes all needed printer commands for the target printer.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the rasterized bit map print data is formatted to a format needed by the target printer.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of automatically detecting information for the type and configuration of the printer connected to the information processing device, by requesting such information from the information processing device, and thereafter automatically obtaining a suitable print driver.

6 to 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A server device for providing for printout of an internet-based print job at a printer connected to an information processing device, in which the information processing device is connected to the server device via a network, comprising:

a program memory for storing process steps executable to perform a method according to any of Claims 1 to 5, 12, ~~14 and~~ 23 to 25, 30 and 31; and  
a processor for executing the process steps stored in said program memory.

10. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps stored on a ~~computer readable~~ computer-readable medium, said computer-executable process steps for providing for printout of an internet-based print job at a printer connected to an information processing device, in which a server ~~device~~ is connected to the information processing device via a network, said computer-executable process steps comprising process steps executable to perform a method according to any of Claims 1 to 5, 12, ~~14 and~~ 23 to 25, 30 and 31.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable process steps, the computer-executable process steps for providing for printout of an internet-based print job at a printer connected to an information processing device, in which a server ~~device~~ is connected to the information processing device via a network, said computer-executable process steps comprising process steps executable to perform a method according to any of Claims 1 to 5, 12, ~~14 and~~ 23 to 25, 30 and 31.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the internet-based print job is a push-print print job originating from the internet-based source.

13 to 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of establishing a secure connection to the internet-based source.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of establishing a secure connection to the information processing device.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of rendering the print job generates rasterized data using the print driver.

26. (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the information processing device is a set top box, the network is a broadband network, and the server is a cable head end.

26 27. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the information processing device is a set top box, the network is a broadband network, and the server device is a cable head end.

26 28. (New) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein said information processing device is a set top box, the network is a broadband network, and the server device is a cable head end.

26 29. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 11, wherein said information processing device is a set top box, the network is a broadband network, and the server device is a cable head end.

30. (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the data is generated based on a request from the user of the information processing device.

31. (New) A method according to Claim 12, further comprising the step of:

determining whether to accept the push-print print job received from the internet-based source based on profile information associated with the user, wherein the steps of obtaining, rendering and transferring are performed based on the outcome of the determining step.

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